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SUBJECT: EAST GERMANS HARASS AUTOBAHN TRAFFIC

FIVE INCIDENTS OF EAST GERMAN HARASSMENT OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC OCCURRED TODAY IN THE WAKE OF THE WEST GERMAN ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN.

THE STOPPAGES, WHICH OCCURRED AT FOUR DIFFERENT CHECKPOINTS ON AUTOBAHN ROUTES TO WEST BERLIN, ALL INVOLVED PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES. EAST GERMAN GUARDS EITHER ASKED THE PASSENGERS IF THEY WORKED FOR THE FEA OR TOLD THEM THAT THE DELAY WAS CAUSED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA IN WEST BERLIN. THE DELAYS WERE SHORT, HOWEVER, AND IN ALL CASES THE TRAVELLERS WERE PERMITTED TO PROCEED.

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IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHETHER SUCH LOW-LEVEL HARASSMENT REPRESENTS THE EXTENT OF INTENDED EAST GERMAN ACTION. IN STATEMENTS TO SENIOR US AND WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS BOTH EAST GERMAN AND SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED THAT THEY FELT OBLIGED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE FEA BUT THAT THEY WISHED TO AVOID OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH BONN OR THE WESTERN ALLIES.

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